

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 1026

SPONSOR: Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, Governmental Oversight and Productivity, and Commerce and Consumer Services,

SUBJECT: Florida Space Commission

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Commerce And Consumer Services

DATE: May 4, 2005

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### **I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 – 850255** (body with title)

### **II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

This amendment replaces the substance of the Senate Bill with the substance of the House companion (HB1719), with the following differences:

- It replaces the aerospace education representative with a representative from the Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, as a voting member of the Florida Space Commission (commission); and
- It reduces the appropriation for the commission from \$300,000 to \$100,000; and appropriates \$200,000 to OTTED for the operation of the Florida Aerospace Finance Corporation.

In addition, the amendment includes provision relating to copyrights not protected under federal law; it appears to intervene in ongoing litigation between Disney and Pixar, Inc.

In addition, the amendment includes the substance of HB 1701, the companion of which (SB 1938) is still in the Government Efficiency Appropriations committee. This bill creates the Florida Space Infrastructure Act and includes an ad valorem tax exemption for storage components used to transport or store cargo used for a space laboratory, which is used for scientific purposes. In addition, HB1701 contains a provision to create the Space Computing Act; however, this provision has not been considered by any committee of the Senate.

Finally, it contains a provision to authorize OTTED to expend *any* funds from this year's budget to implement both the Florida Space Infrastructure Act and the Space Computing Act. Senate budget committee staff have expressed concerns about this provision.